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TAKASHI KIHARA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: PARUL H. GUPTA  
SERIAL NO: 10/509,887 :  
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FOR: DATA RECORDING METHOD :  
AND APPARATUS. DATA  
RECORDING MEDIUM AND  
DATA REPRODUCING METHOD  
AND APPARATUS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page of this paper.